

REMARKS

Claims 5-8, 10, 12-14, 19-21, 39, 42, 46, 47, and 50-55 are pending in this application.

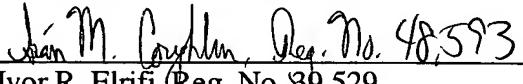
Claims 1-4, 15-18, 22-38, 40, 41, 43-45, 48 and 49 have been cancelled for being drawn to non-elected subject matter. Applicants retain the right to pursue the subject matter of claims 1-4, 15-18, 22-38, 40, 41, 43-45, 48 and 49 in a divisional application. Claims 5, 8, 10 and 12 have been amended to recite only the elected species and to correct dependency of the claims. Claims 9 and 11 have been cancelled because they no longer further limit the subject matter of the claim from which they depend, amended claim 5. Claims 50-55 are newly added. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application claims a single invention which could not be properly further restricted. If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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